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DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION BEGAN IN ST. LOUIS AT NOON TODAY

WITHOUT A SINGLE ELEMENT TO DISTURB CEREMONIOUS RENOMINATION OF WILSON AND MARSHALL CONVENTION OPENED TODAY.

Keynote is "Americanism and Peace, Preparedness and Prosperity"—Bryan Cheered as He Entered the Hall—Glynn Given Ovation as He Stepped Forward to Deliver the Key-note Speech—Democratic Platform Will Appeal to Progressive and Organized Labor Voters, According to Plans of Democratic Leaders—Frank Walsh, Former Chairman of Industrial Commission, to Substantiate Denouncing Use of Militia Against Organized Labor Unions to Organize Delegates Tossed Miniature Bales of Cotton from Floor to the Convention Hall.

Coliseum, St. Louis, Mo., June 14.—With the keynote of "Americanism, Peace, Preparedness and Prosperity," the democratic national convention began its first session at 12:31 today with not a single element to disturb the harmonious renomination of Wilson and Marshall.

All prospects of a fight in the convention went glimmering with Bryan's announcement that he would not press certain planks, and would stomp for Wilson. Prolonged cheers greeted Bryan's entry into the hall.

The first stunt of the convention was put on by the Texas delegates, who tossed miniature bales of cotton from the floor to the galleries.

Chairman McCombs delivered his brief opening speech, followed by Rev. Lee offering prayer.

After the call for the convention, McCombs announced the temporary officers and Martin H. Glynn opened with the keynote speech. He was given an immense ovation as he stepped forward to speak.

The convention adjourned at 2:49 until 11 tomorrow.

Expressions of approval were heard today among the delegates to the convention of the suggested plan to win over the progressives by making overtures in the democratic platform.

Frank P. Walsh, former chairman of the federal industrial relations commission, submitted a proposed industrial plank today denouncing the use of militia against organized workers. The plank also declared the rights of labor unions to organize.

Forty minutes before noon, the time scheduled to call the convention to order, there were only a score of delegates on the floor, the platform was almost deserted, the galleries were filling slowly and carpenters were putting the finishing touches on the hall.

Chairs for the delegates and alternates were jammed together, the seating arrangements for both of them being much more congested than either of the Chicago conventions.

The hall filled rapidly just before noon. Delay in opening the doors prevented an earlier influx of spectators. The crowds were not allowed to march into the building, but a few delegations came en masse. Moving picture machines were planted at every available point. Many of the delegates soon removed their coats.

At 11:45 the band began playing the opening selection in accompaniment to a male quartet that sang a new song about Americans through megaphones. The song brought the first applause of the day. The delegates then joined in singing national airs and "Dixie" which brought the "rebel yell." A "woody tiger" was sent to Chairman McCombs' desk by a New York delegate. The crowd was orderly and quiet as it awaited the convention to begin.

Chairman McCombs took his place at the desk at 12:30, half an hour late, amid cheers and applause. A few thumps of his gavel quickly secured order.

Ex-Governor Glynn's declaration as

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WEATHER FORECAST

New Orleans, La., June 14.—The weather forecast for Oklahoma for tonight and Thursday is generally fair.

Time savers,—the want ads.

M'COMBS IN PRAISE OF DEMOCRACY

IN CALLING DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION TO ORDER, CHAIRMAN M'COMBS LAUDS ADMINISTRATION'S RECORD.

St. Louis, Mo., June 14.—In calling the democratic national convention to order at noon today, Wm. F. McCombs, chairman of the democratic national committee, said:

"Ladies and Gentlemen of the Convention: We are in an atmosphere of victory. We meet to celebrate the marvelous achievements of the democratic party since it came into power and to place a milestone upon the path of its future success.

"The republican party for years deceived the country. Now it is deceiving itself. In its platform it offers pulchritudinous promise—but with vacuous intent.

"It promises the country in the main what the democratic party has already done or is in the process of doing, saving always, the bogus god 'protection.' It has cloaked its iniquity with a judicial robe, but the cloven hoof of special interest still protrudes.

"We have recently witnessed the spectacle of two great American parties at Chicago putting self-glorification in place of national honor; republicanism and progressivism, so-called, in place of our only 'ism'—Americanism.

"We have witnessed the drab spectacle of two groups of men treading principles like competitors in a fish market, in the hope that some compromise would win public support. They have not come together—they have fallen out of the 'swag.' The result is inevitable—'divided they fall.' We are proud in the thought that 'united we stand.' We welcome the pent-up Americanism of the real progressives individually to our ranks, offering them a haven, in principle. Their leaders have abandoned them.

"This is a crucial hour in the history of the world, an hour when everyone should see whether his conscience squares with the periods of dramatic episode when this country resolutely maintained peace with honor.

"The democratic party, in the face of vicious attacks, has maintained this great American ideal. While for peace, it has worked for sound and powerful preparedness. It has maintained dignity in the face of circumstances which might have drawn it into the vortex of a world destruction. It has maintained friendly relations throughout the world; it has been true to the spirit of America. The country has found that its confidence has been well bestowed. The democratic party has proved itself a party of principle, a party of constructive ability, a party of performance. It has proved that ideals can be realized. United we stand for America!

"Ladies and gentlemen, the Elephant is Dead; the Moose is dead. Long live the American Eagle!"

Question of New National Chairman

Has Been Agitating the Democrats



St. Louis, June 14.—With the question of the presidential nomination virtually settled, the matter of the campaign has been occupying democratic minds assembled for the convention. Several men have been mentioned as the new chairman of the national committee to succeed William F. McCombs, who resigned. It looks as though Homer S. Cummings of Connecticut, at present vice chairman, would be chosen. The big fellows will be here for the convention, which is much in the nature of a love feast. Three of them, who are powers in their states, are Charles F. Murphy of New York, Thomas Taggart of Indiana and Roger Sullivan of Illinois. The latter is credited with an ambition to supplant Marshall on the ticket of four years ago. The same desire is said to prevail in the mind of Joseph W. Folk of Missouri, former governor.

Ardmore Must Raise \$56,250 for New Hotel

BUSINESS TO BE SUSPENDED AND MASS MEETING TO BE HELD IN TABERNACLE TOMORROW MORNING

Whether Ardmore shall have a big modern hotel or not will be definitely decided at a mass meeting to be held at the Tabernacle at 10:30 o'clock tomorrow morning. J. R. Sharp will be back in Ardmore tomorrow night for the answer and it is expected that the matter will be closed before the end of the meeting, at noon.

Business Suspended

Business is to be suspended from 10:30 tomorrow morning until after the mass meeting, and every man in the city is expected to answer the call to arms.

The proposition in a nutshell is that local men take up \$56,250.00 in a stock company with \$175,000.00 capital stock. Mr. Sharp puts up the balance of the cash needed for the building which is to cost no less than \$125,000.00. Former Governor Cruce and Mr. Sharp will take up the value of the lot in stock.

Must Not Fail.

There is to be no long drawn out canvass for the money and no second appeal will be made, but tomorrow's meeting will settle for all time the hotel matter. Men are waiting to pour their money into the project, they stand ready to promote any and every cause which will develop this city. It is necessary for every Ardmore booster to be out.

PROCLAMATION.

TO THE PUBLIC SPIRITED CITIZENS OF ARDMORE: Every man interested in the permanent growth and prosperity of this city realizes the importance of the erection of a modern hotel of sufficient capacity to meet the needs of a growing city. Until this handicap is overcome, Ardmore cannot go forward in its building as it deserves to do and as its citizens desire it to do.

The people of the city now have offered them a proposition which, if promptly accepted will meet the necessities confronting us. The time to act is now. We have debated this question until every man in the city is familiar with conditions as they exist, and we should settle now once for all the question of whether or not our people can be relied upon to meet an emergency when it arises.

Feeling the need of immediate action, we, the undersigned acting Mayor of the City of Ardmore, President of the Chamber of Commerce and President of the Business Men's Association, appeal to the citizens of Ardmore, whether engaged in business, trades or professions, to close their respective places of business and offices promptly at 10:30 a. m. to 12:00 tomorrow, and attend a mass meeting to be held in the tabernacle on Broadway and C Street, at which time a final conclusion will be arrived at determining whether or not Ardmore will arise to the occasion that confronts it and pave the way for the continued growth of a modern city. Hitherto in every crisis confronting the welfare of the town, our people have responded promptly and splendidly, and we shall be grievously disappointed if our public spirited men shall hesitate to comply with this re-quest and lend us their aid in solving this problem so vitally interesting to our citizens.

O. C. LASHER, Acting Mayor,
J. S. MULLEN, Pres. Chamber of Commerce.
J. W. KRUEGER, Pres. Bus. Men's Association.

GLYNN DELIVERS KEYNOTE SPEECH

FORMER NEW YORK GOVERNOR OPENS CONVENTION OF DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

PRAISE HIS POLICY

Points Assailants of Wilson's Foreign Policy to Course Pursued by Grant When Spanish Attacked American Ship.

St. Louis, June 14.—With the assertion that no president since the civil war has had as crucial problems to solve; and no president has displayed a grasp more sure, a statesmanship more profound, as President Wilson, Hon. Martin H. Glynn, former governor of New York, opened the democratic convention here today. Declaring that "Americanism and peace, preparedness and prosperity—are the issues upon which the democratic party stands, and the heart of democracy swells with pride that is more than a pride of party, as it hails the man, who has asserted this Americanism, assured this peace, advocated this preparedness and produced this prosperity," he predicted the re-election of President Wilson.

Taking up our foreign relations that has been called into emphatic prominence by the world-wide war the speaker declared that "We have entered this hall as Americans * * * The policy of neutrality, he argued, is as truly American as the American flag. For two hundred years neutrality was a theory; America made it a fact. 'It took Washington and his successors eighty years of endless negotiation to win recognition of American neutrality. And this eighty years of struggle wove the doctrine of neutrality so closely into the warp and woof of our national life that to tear it out now would unravel the very threads of our existence.' By the records of history Mr. Glynn maintained that if Washington and Lincoln were right, President Wilson is right. The neutrality that President Wilson stands for today was advocated by Washington, by Hamilton, by Jefferson and by Lincoln.

By citing precedents Mr. Glynn justified and defended the course of the president in the Lusitania and similar incidents. "In the face of this record," he asked, "Do republicans realize that when they arraign the policy of the president of the United States today they arraign the policy of Harrison, of Blaine, of Lincoln and of Grant? For the pleasure of criticising a democratic president, are they willing to read out of the republican party the greatest men the republican party ever had? Are they willing to say that the republican party of today condemns what Hamilton did in revolutionary days, what Lincoln did in civil war days and what Grant and Blaine and Harrison did but yesterday?

"In his policy of peaceful negotiations today the president of the United States follows the example set him by the greatest presidents which the democratic party and the greatest presidents of the republican party ever gave this nation."

Mr. Glynn impressed on his hearers that it was the business of this convention "representing every section of the United States, speaking for every racial strain in America, to send forth a message to all the world that will leave no room for doubt.

"We must enable every real American to stand up and assert his Americanism. We must make the issue so clear that every ballot box in the land may become a monument to the loyalty of American manhood. 'The citizens of the country must stand behind their president because his policies are right. They will stand behind him because his policies are the policies which have brought the nation a century of prosperous and honored peace. They will stand behind him because they

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